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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - FAO DRAFT RESOLUTION

AT 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC

1. FAO CONSULTANT SANTA CRUZ, IN CHARGE OF PREPARATION FOR COMING CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPROACHED US DEL MORNING OF JULY 11 WITH DRAFT OF RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF ECOSOC. HE INDICATED HE HOPED TO SECURE COSPONSORSHIP OF YUGOSLAVIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NETHERLANDS, COLOMBIA, AND OTHERS. HE ASKED US DEL IF US WOULD COSPONSOR. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. "THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1967 (LIX) OF 30 JULY 1975 ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOLUTION 1978/34 ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT;

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NOTING THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN CONVENED BY FAO FOR EIGHT WORKING DAYS, BEGINNING ON 12 JULY 1979;

CONSCIOUS OF THE DISTRESSING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF MOST

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHERE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE
POPULATION LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY;

AWARE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS THE WORLD CONFERENCE
ON RELATED SUBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN RECENT
YEARS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AND HAS AN IMPORTANT
BEARING ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

(1) ENDORSES THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE FAO
CONFERENCE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD FOCUS MAINLY ON KEY ISSUES,
IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF WHAT INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES
ARE NEEDED FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SHOULD RESULT IN
WELL-DEFINED AND ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD
ENHANCE INVESTMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS, INCREASE PRODUCTION
AND RAISE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STANDARDS OF THE RURAL
POOR;

(2) TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE CLOSE
COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN FAO, THE UNITED NATIONS
AND THE OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE
WORLD CONFERENCE;
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(3) WELCOMES THE ACTION TAKEN BY A GREAT NUMBER
OF STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFERENCE BY PRESENTING
COUNTRY REVIEW PAPERS ANALYSING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND
OUTLINING THEIR FUTURE PROGRAMMES IN THIS FIELD;

(4) URGES ALL STATES MEMBER STATES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE WORLD CONFERENCE, AND TO ARRANGE REPRESENTATION AT
A HIGH LEVEL TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CHARACTER OF THE SUBJECT MATTER."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US DEL REQUESTS DEPARTMENT
ADVISE WHETHER US CAN COSPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION.
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